

BSW 718 Services: Non-Medical Transportation

PURPOSE

Transportation is vital for Big Sky Waiver members to integrate in their communities. Members must have the support they need to travel successfully for both medical and community integration reasons.

From LTC rebalancing toolkit: Transportation can help individuals achieve community living goals, access preventative health care, increase functional independence, and improve health and wellbeing. Non-medical transportation can enable indivs receiving HCBS to gain access to community-based activities and resources consistent with their service plan.

DEFINITION

Nonmedical transportation services enable members served in the Big Sky Waiver to gain access to services, activities, and resources included in their service plan. Nonmedical transportation may be provided when required transportation services exceed the Montana State Plan and Community First Choice, or are unique to the Big Sky Waiver.

~~Non-medical transportation means travel furnished by common carrier or private vehicle for non-medical reasons. Nonmedical transportation can include reimbursing members for mileage driven in their personal vehicles for activities in their service plans. This service does not replace the medical transportation available under State Plan Medicaid.~~

~~To obtain prior authorization for State Plan Medicaid Transportation services call 1-800-292-7114.~~

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Transportation services must meet the following criteria:

1. Be provided only after volunteer, State Plan or other publicly funded transportation programs have been exhausted or determined to be inappropriate; ~~and,~~
2. Be provided by the most cost-effective mode.

Transportation providers must provide proof of:

1. A valid Montana driver's license; ~~2.~~

2. Adequate automobile insurance ~~and~~.
3. Assurance that vehicle is in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

LIMITATIONS

~~This service may not be used simultaneously with other waiver services that include transportation as an integral part of their rate.~~

~~Non-Medical Transportation in excess of 50 miles/bi-weekly and/or out of state travel requires RPO prior authorization. Refer to BSW 403 (Prior Authorizations) and 702 (Service Limitations and Exclusions).~~

NOTE:

~~Service cap of 22 trips per month for taxi service.~~ This service does not replace the medical transportation available under State Plan Medicaid. To obtain prior authorization for State Plan Medicaid Transportation services call 1-800-292-7114.

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